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NURSING IN MISSION STATIONS



(This department has a two-fold purpose,—to keep nurses in this country in touch with the work of missionary nurses, and to put missionary nurses in touch with each other, for an interchange of ideas, questions, and suggestions. All nurses engaged in mission work, of every creed and country, are invited to contribute to its columns.)

The Missionary Link for December gives the following description by Dr. Mina MacKenzie of the dispensary at Fatehpur, India: Our memorial dispensary has been completed, and gives us great satisfaction. The building is divided into four rooms extending from front to back. The first door on the right opens into the women's waiting-room. Here the women are received and have religious instruction until the physician sees them.

Our patients now number from fifty to sixty daily, and their friends coming with them increase the number of those who hear the Gospel to about ninety. Our numbers are steadily increasing, and ere long they will exceed a hundred. Many of our patients come to us five, ten, and twenty miles, and we are looking forward eagerly to the time when our Lily Lytle Broadwell Memorial Hospital will be completed and accommodate them.

The second room on the right is a large one with two doors in front and a door and window behind, and is divided by screens into four apartments. In the first of these the patients are seen and prescribed for by the physician. In one of the small apartments with a window at the back, gynæcological treatments are given, and the other is for minor surgical operations and dressings. In the fourth apartment the patients wait till they receive their medicine and treatment.

Communicating by a small door with this room is the pleasant drug room, extending from front to back of the building, and having a row of wall *almyras* on one side and dispensing table and sink on the other. Our drugs cost on an average twenty-five dollars a month, and at present we have to depend on our out-patients who can afford to pay for treatment in their homes, for this income. The number, however, who can pay is not large.

The last room on the left is an operating-room, which is yet unfurnished. The dispensary is open daily from seven to twelve, except on Sundays and Wednesdays, when it is opened at nine o'clock for surgical

dressings. A Sabbath-school has become a very interesting feature of our work, as we have a class for older women who come for treatment, one for girls and one for boys from six to ten years, and an infant class. The attendance is increasing, and we hope soon to have a large, well organized Sabbath-school.

The Commissioner's wife is taking great interest in our work, and has planted in front and one side of our dispensary a pretty garden, which makes the building look very attractive and is a good object lesson to all as well as refreshing for us.

Woman's Work tells of the death in Taiku, Korea, of Rev. Chase C. Sawtell, whose wife was a trained nurse, Katharine M. McClung, a graduate of the Omaha General Hospital. They had been in Korea for two years.

In the same magazine Jane B. Brown, a graduate of the Presbyterian Training School, Philadelphia, 1907, writes from Syria: "It is rather discouraging at times to see all the others doing so much while we are just learning to talk. My husband preached his first sermon in Arabic last Sunday. We have a congenial happy circle here in Tripoli."

Woman's Work also tells of a far-away sanitarium.

The summer sanitarium in Lebanon for tuberculosis patients, which Dr. Mary Eddy opened last year, has been filled with patients of five or six races, and fears about securing proper assistants for the difficult post have been scattered by the presence of three nurses, Syrian, English, and Greek, and a native physician from Baghdad. It is the hope to complete the Memorial Teunis Hamlin Hospital on Junieh Bay, Dr. Eddy's winter quarters, this autumn.

Spirit of Missions brings news of missionary nurses. Margaret C. Graves has gone to assist in the work of St. Matthew's Hospital, Fairbanks, Alaska. She is spoken of as a graduate nurse, but her school is not given. Elizabeth Gibson, of San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed as a nurse in the University Hospital, Manila, in place of Miss Henry who resigned in October. Mary Humphrey, a missionary nurse in the Philippines has resigned from the service, and Rebecca R. Halsey has given up her work at the Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital, Wuchang, China.